

Lobbyist's Legislative Report
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March 2012 Bailing Wire article Correction

Legislative deadlines are fast approaching as I am writing March's article for the *Bailing Wire*. First, the bill introduction deadline for 2012 is February 27th. Over 2,000 **NEW BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THIS YEAR!**

One will be ours by Fresno Assemblywoman and fellow motorcycle rider, Linda Halderman, to require CalTrans to reinstall the *Motorcycle OK* signs for HOV lanes. (AB 1535). We were successful three years ago getting this same bill, authored by then Assemblyman Mike Duvall (also a rider), to Governor Schwarzenegger's desk only to see him veto it.

I have had better success with Governor Brown, during my career, with him signing most of the bills that I was able to maneuver to his desk for consideration.

I have heard many rumors while walking the halls from reliable sources that several Legislators are considering introducing Legislation to **BAN LANE SHARING/SPLITTING BY MOTORCYCLISTS**. Watch for **MY ALERT REQUESTS FOR ACTION AND ACT ON THEM, ASAP!** As I review the bills as they are introduced, I will keep you posted — This will be a busy year in Sacramento, as motorcyclists' rights again are going to be challenged.

Our other bill, AB 1047, by Assemblyman Jefferies **TO BAN MOTORCYCLE ONLY CHECKPOINTS** will probably be heard after May 15th in the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee; however, it could be heard sooner depending on how full their calendar is. Send your Local and Business Member letters & petitions, in support of AB 1047, to the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, Room 2209, State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814.

Finally, March 15th is the deadline for **CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ALL CONGRESSIONAL, STATE SENATE & ASSEMBLY** seats to declare and file their papers. After that, Carol Cromwell and I will gather their names and send out our Questionnaires to them! This will take a lot of time and effort to quickly send out and receive back the candidates' responses. We will then decipher them and make recommendations to the LEG/PAC committee for the June 5th primary election endorsements! We've got a lot of work to be done in a pretty short period of time!

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